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SUBJECT: GOC REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMPUTERIZING
CYPRUS TAX SYSTEM

REF: A) STATE 306697 B) NICOSIA 018

1. U.S INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) REMAINS WILLING TO ASSIST GOC INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO "TAX COMPUTERIZATION COURSE." IRS COULD TAILOR PROGRAM IN US SO THAT CYPRIOT EXPERTS COULD COME HERE (AT NO COST OTHER THAN TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE) TO WORK WITH IRS IN DEVELOPING BEST SYSTEM FOR NCR-200 BASED ON CYPRIOT NEEDS. IRS HAS DONE THIS FOR MANY COUNTRIES, HAS SPECIAL OFFICE JUST FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. IRS WOULD BE HAPPY FURNISH CYPRIOTS WITH PRELIMINARY INFORMATION BUT, WITHOUT A BETTER IDEA OF THEIR NEEDS, DOES
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NOT KNOW WHAT TO SEND. MASS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE WOULD PROBABLY BE OF LITTLE USE TO GOC INLAND REVENUE SINCE SYSTEMS HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY TAILORED TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND EQUIPMENT.

3. IN ORDER GET A BETTER IDEA OF HOW IRS ULTIMATELY MIGHT HELP GOC TO COMPUTERIZE TAX SYSTEM, IRS WOULD BE WILLING TO

SEND ONE OF ITS EXPERTS, WHO HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN HELPING SET UP SUCH SYSTEMS FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, TO CYPRUS FOR SHORT VISIT AT NO COST TO GOC. SUCH AN EXPERT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY.

4. AS EXPLAINED PARA 3 REF A, COST OF U.S. EXPERT TRAVEL COULD BE BORNE BY USG UNDER SECTION 661, FAA IF THERE EXISTS REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME SALE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE OR CONSULTATIVE SERVICES ULTIMATELY MIGHT TAKE PLACE. GUARANTEE, OR EVEN FIRM POSSIBILITY OF SUCH SALE, NEED NOT EXIST IN ORDER FOR US TO FUND THIS INITIAL TRIP. FROM REF B. IT APPEARS SUCH POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONTACTING INLAND REVENUE AGAIN TO CLARIFY POINTS IN PARAS ABOVE, AND, IF GOC INTERESTED, DISCUSS WITH THEM POSSIBLE FEBRUARY DATES FOR SHORT VISIT (PROBABLY 1-2 WEEKS, AS NEEDED) BY USIRS EXPERT. ALSO PLEASE CONFIRM CONCLUSION DRAWN BY DEPT. IN PARA 4, ABOVE, OR COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE SALES. ADVISE.

6. FYI, VISIT TO US BY CYPRIOT TAX PEOPLE, IF SHORT AND CONSULTATIVE IN NATURE, COULD BE AT NO COST FOR IRS INPUT. IF LONGER-TERM TRAINING FOR CYPRIOTS ULTIMATELY WERE DESIRED, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. END FYI.

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